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Join Texas Nutrition for its annual Career Panel. Hear from speakers who work in the nutrition field and learn what a career in this field looks like. Food will be served. Panel will be held at 5 p.m. at GEA 105.

Regina Spektor performs

Regina Spektor performs on the Bass Concert Hall stage at 7:30 p.m. Spektor is known for her extraordinary voice and a prolific catalogue filled with songs of satire, heartache, and novelty.

Discrimination on campus panel

Homecoming Planning Committee host a meeting and panel to address discrimination and recent injustices on campus. The panel will be in the SAC auditorium at 7 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1994

George Foreman, age 45, becomes boxing's oldest heavyweight champion when he defeats 26-year-old Michael Moorer in the 10th round of their WBA fight.



QUOTE TO NOTE

I don't think that it makes a difference to the public whether you use technology for them to think that you are unique. There is nothing unique about it unless it works."

— Yacov Sharir, UT dance professor on infusing technology and preforming arts

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Our recap of Fun Fun Fun Fest's best.

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Regents donate \$2.6 million to Republicans

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series examining UT officials' political donations. This installment examines contributions by members of the UT System Board of Regents. The final installment will focus on contributions by UT-Austin professors.

By Alexa Ura

Members of the UT System Board of Regents have

For a list of all political contributions made by the regents, visit: bit.ly/dt_regents

donated more to Gov. Rick Perry than to all Democratic candidates during the past eight years.

Regents have donated almost \$2.6 million to political campaigns and political action committees affiliated with Republican candidates

since 2004, according to filings compiled by The Daily Texan from the Texas Ethics Commission and the Federal Election Commission. UT regents' contributions totaled \$3.3 million to cam-

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UT SYSTEM REGENTS DONATIONS TO RICK PERRY SINCE 2004

Total \$796,892

Wm. Eugene Powell	\$52,650	James Dannenbaum	\$227,500
Robert Stillwell	\$122,500	Paul L. Foster	\$318,630
Brenda Pejovich	\$50,700	Printice L. Gary	\$7,500
Wallace L. Hall	\$14,912	Alex Cranberg	\$2,500

R. Steven Hicks \$0

Source: Texas Ethics Commission and Federal Election Commission

FOOTBALL

Horns D wrecks Tech



By Christian Corona
Sports Editor

If you want to know why Texas has turned its season around, look no further than Carrington Byndom.

The 6-foot, 180-pound junior cornerback had struggled mightily this season, uncharacteristically missing tackles and getting beat by wideouts that would not have happened last year. But Byndom bounced back in a big way in the Longhorns' 31-22 win over Texas Tech Saturday.

He broke up a two-point conversion throw from Seth Doege that would have tied the game at 24 in the third quarter. He came around the edge to block a fourth-quarter field goal that would have brought the Red Raiders within six points of the Longhorns.

And his effort was representative of how far this Texas defense — without key cogs like Ashton Dorsey, Jackson Jeffcoat and Jordan Hicks — has come since the first half of the underwhelming win over Kansas last week.

"He has to be one of the stars of the game," head coach Mack Brown said of Byndom. "He broke up the two-point conversion. He played with a lot confidence and he's more healthy, too."

The Longhorns were eight-point underdogs going into



Elisabeth Dillon | Daily Texan Staff

Junior defensive back Adrian Phillips (17) and sophomore linebacker Steve Edmond (33) bring down Texas Tech's Eric Stephens during Texas' 31-22 win in Lubbock Saturday.

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ELECTION 2012

Town meeting hosts candidates' views

By David Maly

Candidates from across the political spectrum convened in South Austin Sunday to continue to inform the public of their political stances as Election Day looms.

More than 20 candidates shared their political platforms at "Meet the

Candidates: Austin's Town Hall Meeting," an event put on by ConnectPR, a non-partisan organization, in an attempt to better educate the Austin public on the political issues affecting them. Candidates included David Collins, a Texas Green Party candidate for U.S. Senate, and other candidates

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Ricky Llamas | Daily Texan Staff

Justice Diane Hensen spoke Sunday on political issues that affect the people of Austin.

CAMPUS



Mass. Senator John F. Kerry spoke about the value of international law Friday at the LBJ Library in a talk entitled "The Rule of Law in World Affairs."

Ricky Llamas
Daily Texan Staff

Senator advocates treaty

By Tiffany Hinman

Sen. John Kerry said the United States' delay on accepting the Law of the Sea Treaty is threatening our military's navigational powers and our economic stability during a public lecture on campus Friday.

In his lecture, Kerry said the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

which was first negotiated in the '70s and is known as the Law of the Sea Treaty, assigns certain areas of land under the oceans for use by specified nations. Close to 160 countries and the European Union have joined the treaty, but the U.S. has yet to sign because of fear of al- loting power to developing nations. He said agreeing on the treaty would create an international order for

conducting business, protecting rights and resolving disputes peacefully.

"By joining the treaty we could lock in a favorable set of navigational freedoms and maximize U.S. influence in treaty bodies," Kerry said. "Law of the Sea is fundamentally a conservative and modest treaty that supports the military and

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Elixir of something? Elixir of stumblin'.

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Rafael gets ready to go on the ferris wheel with his family at Wurst Fest in New Braunfels Saturday evening.

Maria Arrellaga | Daily Texan Staff

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the economic interest of our nation.”

Kerry has served as U.S. Senator representing Massachusetts since 1984. He was the Democratic Party nominee in the 2004 presidential election, and he assumed office as chairman for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations in January 2009. Kerry said President Richard Nixon initially negotiated and supported the treaty in the 1970s, and President Ronald Reagan renegotiated it in the 1980s while expressing his disapproval. Kerry said though the treaty passed in the Senate in 2004 and 2007, the full Senate was not present to put the treaty into effect on either occasion. Kerry said he will try to push the treaty through the Senate again, but he will wait until after the elections

so that the treaty doesn't become attached to one political party.

“Today, the ideological battle is on for the soul of American foreign policy,” Kerry said. “It is not between red and blue or coasts and the heartland. It is about whether America will continue to lead the world or be left behind, less prosperous in our own land and less secure abroad.”

Economics freshman Maristil Yap said she doesn't support the United States signing on to the Law of Sea treaty. Yap said the treaty includes an international tax, which would be an added expenditure for the American tax payers.

“Americans do not like taxes,” Yap said. “They already think they pay for enough. If this tax were to

be implemented, the average American would be unwilling to pay it.”

The Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and the School of Law sponsored Kerry's lecture.

Kirston Fortune, assistant dean of the School of Law, said having political figures on UT's campus creates important opportunities for students. Kerry's message may inspire students to become engaged in civic life and vote in the upcoming election, Fortune said.

“It is an important part of our educational mission to expose students to various opinions and views,” Fortune said. “Students should get as much information about current events in the political processes as they can so they can form educated opinions.”

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including people running for the Texas Senate and House of Representatives and the U.S. House of Representatives. Candidates shared general political views and answered questions from the audience, addressing issues including education, health-care, the criminal justice system, environmental efforts and the employment rate.

Doreen Sims, founder of ConnectPR, said this was the first year the event has been held, and although only 25 to 30 people attended, she saw it as a step toward establishing a needed, recurring event to better inform the Austin community on the issues that affect them.

She said the event went smoothly except for a conflict between Justice Diane Henson, a Democratic incumbent candidate for

the 3rd Court of Appeals, and Grant Rostig, a Texas Republican candidate for state senate.

In response to remarks by Rostig, Hensen said he should consider leaving the U.S.

“I'm proud to be an American citizen in this great country, and if you are so disappointed, we will go buy you a ticket and you can return to Canada,” Hensen said.

The audience responded to Hensen's comment with applause.

Rostig had spoken earlier about growing up in Canada and how surprised he was to come to the U.S. and see how the country is run. He said socialism has “crept into Texas,” and there is too much government control here.

Rostig said he did not like Hensen's comment or the audience's response to it.

“For someone to take a legally landed immigrant who has a citizenship certificate, someone who swore allegiance to the flag of the United States and tell them to go back to their own country, they are going to buy me a bus ticket to go back, is something that I find troubling,” Rostig said.

Hensen said she made the comment during the discussion as a citizen, not a judge, to lighten the discussion while still making a point.

“I was being sarcastic, but I was trying to make a point, that some of the statements that are being made are just silly,” Hensen said. “I thought perhaps we needed a little levity in this group, too.”

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NEWS BRIEFLY

Court hearing begins for massacre suspect

SEATTLE — The U.S. soldier accused of carrying out one of the worst atrocities of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars is due to appear in a military courtroom Monday, where prosecutors will, for the first time, lay out their case that he slaughtered 16 people, including children, during a predawn raid on two villages in the Taliban's heartland.

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, a married father of two from Lake Tapps, Wash., is accused of slipping away from a remote outpost in Southern Afghanistan early on March 11 with an M-4 rifle outfitted with a grenade launcher to attack the villages of Balandi and Alkozaï, in the dangerous Panjwai district of Kandahar Province.

The massacre left 16 dead — nine of them children, and 11 of them members of the same family. Six others were wounded, and some of the bodies set afire.

Russian nationalists protest Vladimir Putin

MOSCOW — Thousands of nationalists marched through Moscow on Sunday chanting slogans such as "Russia for the Russians" to protest President Vladimir Putin's government, which they accuse of lavishing privileges on migrants and minorities while ignoring ethnic Russians.

The anti-Kremlin tone of the nationalists, who once backed Putin, comes as the movement's leaders try to broaden their base in the wake of last winter's historic opposition protests against the Russian leader. Some nationalists are even denouncing violence and racism, moves many mainstream opposition activists view with suspicion.

Sunday's march took place on Unity Day, a national holiday established in 2005 to replace commemorations of the Bolshevik Revolution. More than 40 Russian Marches were held throughout the country during the day.

Man with bionic leg climbs skyscraper

CHICAGO — A 31-year-old amputee has made history, becoming the first person to climb 103 floors of one of the world's tallest skyscrapers with a bionic leg.

Zac Vawter was wearing a prosthetic leg controlled by his mind Sunday when he participated in "SkyRise Chicago." The charity event raises funds for the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago.

The event marked the bionic leg's first test in the public eye.

As Vawter thought about climbing stairs, the motors, chains and belts in his leg synchronized the movements of his ankle and knee. Researchers cheered him on and noted the smart leg's performance.

New pope selected for Egyptian church

CAIRO — Egypt's ancient Coptic Christian Church named a new pope Sunday to spiritually guide the community through a time when many fear for their future with the rise of Islamists to power and deteriorating security after last year's uprising.

The death earlier this year of Pope Shenouda III, a familiar figure who led the church for 40 years, heightened the sense of insecurity felt by many Egyptian Christians. They will now look to Bishop Tawadros, who will be ordained Nov. 18 as Pope Tawadros II, to fill the void in leadership.

Tawadros, 60, was chosen in an elaborate Mass where a blindfolded boy drew the name of the next patriarch from a crystal chalice.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

Campaigns wind down



Pablo Martinez Monsivais | Associated Press

President Barack Obama waves to supporters during a campaign event at Capitol Square Sunday in Concord, N.H.

Obama marks last political campaign as nostalgia fills reelection process

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Tuesday's election results may be uncertain, but President Barack Obama and the tight circle of advisers who have surrounded him through years of campaigning know one thing for sure.

Win or lose, this is it.

"He is very cognizant of the fact that this is his last campaign," David Axelrod, Obama's senior campaign strategist, said of the president. "He knows he's never going to do this again."

These final days of Obama's final political campaign, played out across many of the same towns and cities that propelled him to the White House in 2008, are full of nostalgia.

Former staffers and old friends are traveling with the president for the campaign's final stretch. Obama's closing argument speech is peppered with talk of change, the central theme of his 2008 bid. And the campaign's fundraising juggernaut, which is shutting down

for good, already sent its last email to supporters, bidding them "goodbye."

Obama will spend Election Day in his hometown of Chicago, getting a rare chance to return with his family to the South Side home where they lived before moving to the White House. And he will headline his last political rally as a candidate Monday night in Iowa, the state that jump-started his first presidential bid and a place for which Obama has an unabashed fondness.

"Iowa, I started my presidential journey right here in this state," Obama said Saturday during his second-to-last campaign stop in the state. "So after two years of campaigning, and after four years as president, you know me by now."

Even with his future uncertain, aides say Obama is relaxed and energized as he blitzes from state to state urging voters to back him one last time.

Still, the president appears to be relishing the moment, particularly as he makes his final political trips to the battleground states that have become familiar destinations.



Charles Dharapak | Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and his wife Ann arrive to campaign at the International Exposition Center in Cleveland on Sunday.

Bipartisanship push for White House seen in last days of Romney campaign

By Kasie Hunt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Republican Mitt Romney sprinted through battleground states on Sunday with a renewed pledge to bring a spirit of cooperation to Washington.

He's also promising to pursue an agenda that would alienate most Democrats on his first day in office.

In the first of four campaign stops, Romney reminded Iowa voters that on Day One, he would begin to repeal President Barack Obama's signature health care law. He also wants to weaken labor unions and overturn Democrat-backed legislation that overhauled the nation's financial system.

But the polarizing priorities are not his focus at swelling rallies in the presidential contest's final hours.

With an eye toward undecided voters — women and independents in particular — Romney is vowing to work closely with "good Democrats" if elected. The pledge of bipartisan

cooperation fueled Obama's candidacy four years ago and remains a key piece of the incumbent's message. But for Romney, the bipartisan appeal became the focus of his closing argument only in recent weeks.

"On Nov. 6 we're going to come together for a better future. On Nov. 7, we'll get to work," Romney told an Iowa crowd estimated at 4,400. "You reach across the street to that neighbor with the other yard sign. And I'll reach across the aisle to people in the other party, people in good faith, because this time demands bringing America together."

"Once we win, I think the governor is going to do his best to work with as many folks as possible," adviser Kevin Madden said aboard Romney's campaign plane Sunday.

Romney's Day One agenda includes a plan to cut nondiscretionary spending by 5 percent. He also promises to issue a plan that would reverse policies "that tilt the playing field in favor of organized labor," according to Romney's website.



Gustavo Ferrari | Associated Press

Kuwait Police Special Forces work in Mishref, Kuwait. Riot police used stun grenades and tear gas to disperse protesters.

Gulf's crackdown on protesters starts

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The Gulf has been the slow burn of the Arab uprisings.

The fraternity of rulers in the oil-rich region has remained intact with tactics ranging from withering force in Bahrain to arrests of perceived dissenters in the United Arab Emirates. And it's been done without too much serious blowback from their Western allies, which count on the region's reliability as an energy supplier and military partner against Iran.

But that now could be put to the test as Gulf states attempt to muzzle voice of opposition by adopting sweeping measures, such as protest bans and clampdowns on social media.

"The Western governments have taken essentially 'do what it takes' policies with the Gulf regimes," Christopher Davidson, an expert on Gulf affairs at Britain's Durham University, said. "That requires a certain level of silence and a practice of looking the other way from the West."

Last week, however, State Department spokesman Mark

Toner issued unusually blunt criticism of a decision by Bahrain to temporarily outlawing all anti-government protests amid rising violence in the nearly 21-month-old uprising against the Western-backed monarchy. Early Sunday, protesters rained homemade firebombs on at least three police stations in yet another sign of the deepening tensions.

Kuwait also could bring further questions from the West over its widening clampdowns on an Islamist-led opposition ahead of Dec. 1 parliamentary elections, including bans on public gatherings of more than 20 people. Protesters, however, have defied the order and on Sunday thousands staged a march in a Kuwait City suburb as security forces countered with tear gas and stun grenades.

The UAE, meanwhile, has angrily challenged a European Parliament resolution last week that denounced "assaults, repression and intimidation" against rights activists and suspected members of an Islamist group that officials consider a threat to the state. More than 60 people have been detained in the past year in one of the quietest ongoing crackdowns of the Arab Spring, rights groups say.

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TEXAS STUDENT MEDIA

VIEWPOINT

Regents' campaign contributions paint a picture

According to the Federal Election Commission and opensecrets.org, five out of eight non-student UT System regents have made contributions of \$2,500 — the maximum allowed under Federal Election Commission rules — to Texas Governor Rick Perry's campaigns for the governorship or presidency. Though these relatively modest sums aren't enough to warrant cries of cronyism, other much larger contributions to state and national conservative political groups make it clear that raising money for the Republican Party isn't a bad idea if one aspires to be a regent.

While political donations of all sizes surprise few after the decision reached in *Citizens United v. FEC*, the extent to which many regents associate with and support like-minded political organizations underscores how the board, which exists to provide leadership for the system's 15 universities, deliberates and makes decisions that will affect the quality of higher education in the state of Texas. Few, if any, dissenting voices exist to counter the political ambitions of the majority of board members.

One example of board members' commitment to conservative causes is chairman Gene Powell, Jr.'s assistance in raising \$102,475 for Republican Sen. John

McCain's presidential run in 2008. The \$2,500 campaign contribution limit applies to national political figures as well, so after meeting that limit, Powell worked as a "bundler," encouraging friends and associates in high places to make contributions to McCain that Powell could bundle and deliver to the campaign in one mega-check.

Board Vice Chairman Paul Foster has made consistent donations in the low thousands to former Republican Sen. John Cornyn and the American Fuels and Petrochemicals Manufacturers Political Action Committee. Additionally, Foster has given \$200,000 in the past two years to conservative super-PACs Make Us Great Again, a political action committee supporting Perry, and American Crossroads, the super-PAC formed by Republican strategist Karl Rove that was partly responsible for Republican victories across the Midwest during the 2010 senatorial elections.

Most salient of all, records show that Regent Alex Cranberg gave \$2,100 to the group Coloradoans for Rick O'Donnell in 2005. While serving as director of Colorado's Department of Higher Education, O'Donnell, a Republican, made his second unsuccessful run for the Colorado State

Contributions to state and national conservative political groups make it clear that raising money for the Republican Party isn't a bad idea if one aspires to be a regent.

Legislature. As evidenced by his campaign contribution, Cranberg, a fellow Coloradoan, knew about O'Donnell and approved of his politics.

In the same month that Gov. Perry appointed Cranberg to the Board of Regents, O'Donnell was hired to serve as a special adviser to the UT System. His employment ended after only a month and a half on the job, likely because of the public outcry against the controversial policies he pushed. He made an impression quickly with his antagonistic attitude toward university research, outspoken advocacy for "efficiency" and questionable connection with the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative nonprofit think tank based in Austin.

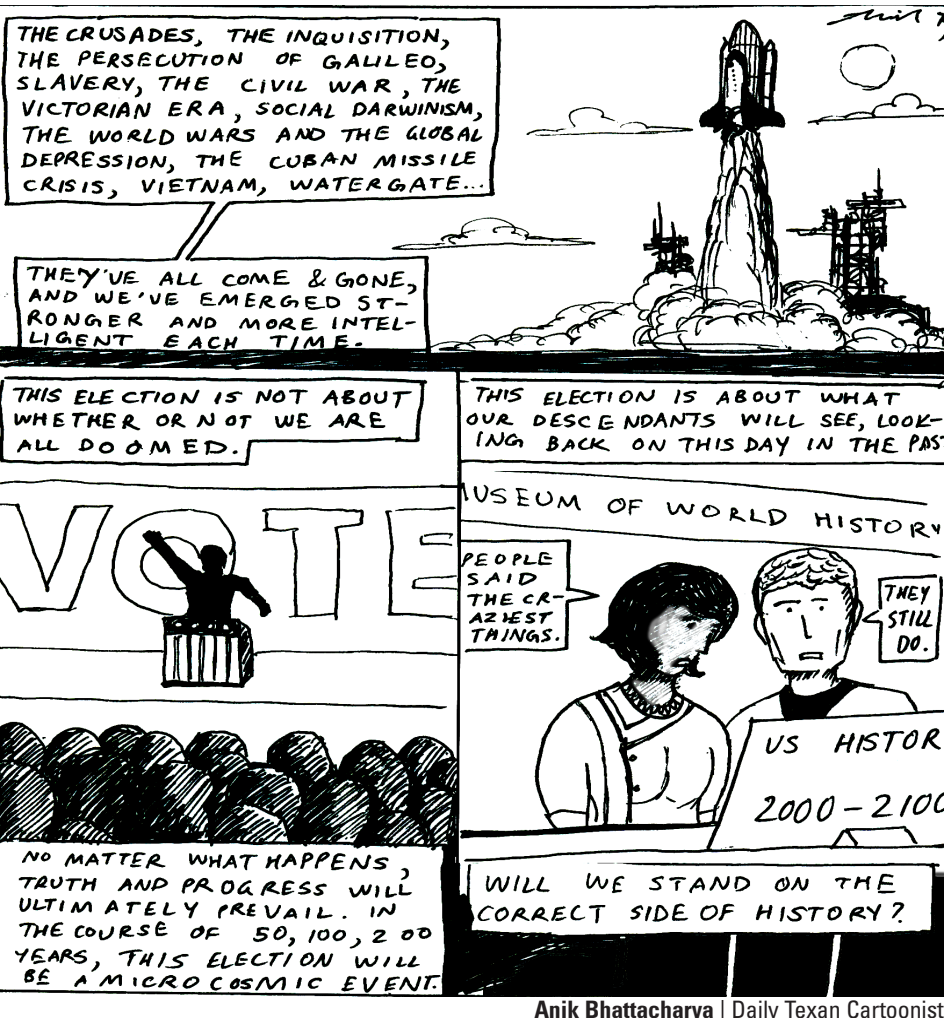
Regents' campaign contributions show that O'Donnell's voice wasn't the only one championing a right-wing agenda. Though O'Donnell left the Board of Regents before he was able to enact any of the reforms he suggested, his ideas about evaluating UT's

effectiveness solely by quantitative measures such as graduation times continue to dominate the debate about UT's future. Matt Angle, founder of the Lone Star Project, a federal political action committee that fact checks Texas Republicans, cites such questionable political connections as the consequences of one-party rule.

"They're politicizing the higher education system," Angle said. "What it [data on contributions] does is it basically signals to anybody that if you want to serve on the Board of Regents then you need to be politically loyal, not just to Rick Perry but to a very narrow right-wing point of view."

In an overwhelmingly conservative state, it isn't shocking that the regents' political affiliations are also conservative — especially since they are appointed by one of the most conservative governors in the country. We shouldn't be surprised when the Board of Regents pushes conservative reforms to higher education when its history of political activity makes the writing on the wall so

GALLERY



Anik Bhattacharya | Daily Texan Cartoonist

What to Watch:

November 5 - 9

Every Monday, we provide a list of the top three opinion-worthy events to expect during the coming week.

- 1 The Mises Circle, a student organization named after economist Ludwig von Mises, meets tonight from 7-8:15 p.m. to discuss Ron Paul's "The Origins of the Fed" in Waggener Hall Room 308.
- 2 There is an election taking place on Tuesday. Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. If you are registered to vote in Travis County, you can vote in the FAC. Bring your voter registration card or any official photo ID or official document showing your name and address.
- 3 The Rapoport Center's fall Human Rights Happy Hour Speaker Series is hosting a talk titled "Borrowing a Constitution: The U.S. Constitution in Argentina and the Heyday of the Argentine Supreme Court (1853)" on Tuesday from 3:45-5:45 p.m. at the Law School (TNH) 2.111. The event is free and light refreshments will be served.

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Mac McCann

Daily Texan Columnist

This year the Young Conservatives of Texas announced that they're bringing back their 'professor watch-list,' which attempts to bring attention to professors that teach with either a conservative or liberal bias, and either discourage or openly reject dissenting opinions. It's a noble cause, of course, but as my colleague Larisa Manescu pointed out in a recent column, "The fact that an inherently biased political organization considers itself the architect of a watch list to identify and eliminate bias is suspicious. This concern would be just the same if the University Democrats proposed the same project."

It's important to address biases, especially in the classroom and in the media. From my experience, my professors do an excellent job of welcoming diverse opinions. But Danny Zeng, communications director of College Republicans of Texas, thinks the media is liberally biased, asking me, "For instance, how many conservatives write for The Daily Texan?" My own observations of this semester's group of weekly columnists tells me there are few.

The reason is actually rather simple. At the beginning of the year, Kayla Oliver, a Texan associate editor, did actually invite members of both the College Republicans and the Young Conservatives to apply for a spot on the paper, though only two expressed an interest in applying.

As a libertarian, I often feel like my voice is left out. Realizing this, I applied to be an opinion columnist. I reached out to the College Republicans and the Young Conservatives for this column, like I did for my last three columns, to no avail. Danny Zeng of the College Republicans did contact me for this column. The Young Conservatives, however, have not yet replied to a single interview request — for this column or any other. Perhaps the issue isn't some 'liberal' media bias, but rather a lack of cooperation.

"Bias in media is not simply how one phrases certain things, but more importantly, what topics are chosen to be covered," Zeng said. However, the College Republicans refused to participate in the recent Hook the Vote election debate, claiming, "CR officers re-evaluated the whole situation and saw absolutely no benefits for us to stage a dog-and-pony show, putting our members through debate prep for a group of maybe 20 highly partisan college students." I asked Zeng if the group regretted their decision after the debate attracted more than 100 attendees, as well as media coverage. "Short answer, no," Zeng said, "I have to ask if any significant number of that "[more than] 100 attendees" did not have their minds made already prior to attending the debate." Maybe there is a bias that affects which topics are chosen, but removing yourself from a publicized debate is not a great way to help your case.

But how do others see bias? Journalism professor Robert Jensen noted that, statistically, people with higher education levels, including journalists, are typically more liberal on social issues than the general public. So, he says that "there is a kernel of truth" to the alleged bias, but it's a very small kernel that's been exploited by the well-funded right wing.

Plan II student Colleen O'Neill is a little uncomfortable with what she considers the media's liberal bias, as are many other students I talked to. Agreeing with Dr. Jensen that the entertainment industry has a very clear liberal bias, O'Neill told me, "Teens and young adults see these young, relatable and successful celebrities supporting the liberal party, and they see that being a part of the liberal party is the popular thing to do. At our impressionable, young ages, it is only natural for us to latch onto something that the crowd is doing." To see O'Neill's point, one only has to compare the many celebrity endorsements of Obama to the fewer celebrity endorsements of Romney.

It is important to note, as Dr. Jensen did, that sometimes the supposed 'liberal bias' of the media is simply a 'bias' toward fact. While supporting a woman's right to have an abortion is subjective, pointing out facts is not. When Missouri Congressman Todd Akin infamously said, "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down," the media called him out for his blatantly false statement — and rightly so. Akin, howev-

er, claimed that the media attention was an unfair attack from the 'liberal elite' and the 'liberal media.' If a bias against stupidity is considered unfair, we have a significant problem.

Luckily, from the students I've talked to, our professors on campus do a good job of teaching without any significant biases. Even Zeng told me, "I have personally not experienced much bias from the professors. My liberal professors are very balanced with their teachings, so are my conservative professors." Exercise science junior Caroline Betik said, "All of my professors like to keep quiet about their views and allow students to decide for themselves. I think the bias comes from who your friends are, roommates and what groups you associate yourself with, like certain sororities or other organized groups on campus." Seconding that point, Pierre Rochard of the Libertarian Longhorns noted, "Neither the city of Austin nor the University are monolithic, homogenous entities," so we can't make blanket statements about local biases.

So, really, the only thing I've concluded is that, with my libertarian bias, I can't properly address whether or not there is a dominant bias in the media or on campus. But there was one thing that everyone I interviewed agreed upon: it's important to learn, discuss, and engage the ideas and views of all sides of the political spectrum.

McCann is a Plan II freshman from Dallas

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ELECTION 2012

Fewer early ballots cast than previous elections

By Allie Kolečta

Early voting ended Nov. 2, and a lower percentage of registered voters in Travis County turned out early than during the past two presidential elections.

According to reports by the Travis County Clerk's office, 40 percent of all registered voters cast ballots early in 2004 and half voted early in 2008. This year 37 percent of registered voters cast their ballots early. Out of a total 237,419 early ballots cast early in the county, 12,320 were cast at the Flawn Academic Center.

This year's early voting turnout compares to a 2004 turnout of 222,085 voters and a 2008 turnout of 302,426.

Early voting, which lasted from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2, included options of in-person voting, mail-in ballots and limited ballots which included fewer options than there are seats up for election. In-person voting included voting at early voting locations and mobile voting locations, which only open for one day of early voting. Mobile voters made up 15,860 of total in-person voters.

Some ballots are county-wide while others are only administered in certain precincts based on voter

address. Ballots include the Presidential and general elections ballot, the Central Health and cities ballot and the Austin Community College, independent school districts and other entities ballot. The Central Health ballot will include voting on Proposition 1, which would increase property taxes collected by Central Health, Travis County's hospital district, from 7.89 cents to 12.9 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The increase would contribute \$35 million toward operations at a proposed UT teaching hospital and purchase medical services from medical school students and faculty for the general public.

Early voting has had a high voter turnout than Election Day in previous years, according to data from the Travis County Clerk's Office. In 2008, 75 percent of voters cast their ballots early, while only 25 percent voted on Election Day. That compared to 62 percent of voters choosing early voting in 2004 which 38 voting on Election Day.

Election Day is on Nov. 6. Voting locations can be found at the Travis County Clerk's website, traviscountyclerk.org.

REGENTS

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paings and PACs at the state and federal level during the last eight years. The regents have donated \$144,245 to Democratic political campaigns and PACs affiliated with Democratic candidates since 2004 — only 4 percent of total contributions.

UT regents have donated \$796,892 to Perry, who appointed all members of the board, through Texans for Rick Perry, RickPerry.org Inc. and Make Us Great Again, Inc.

Board chairman Wm. Eugene Powell donated \$27,650 to Perry in the years leading to his appointment in 2009. Vice chairman Paul Foster donated \$93,602 before his appointment in 2007.

Foster donated the most to Perry in a single year before he was appointed, contributing \$68,602 to Texans for Rick Perry in 2006. In 2011, Foster donated \$110,268 to Make Us Great Again, Inc. and Texans for Rick Perry, a committee that supported Perry's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

Foster is also the board of regents' most prolific

donor, contributing a total of \$1,440,296 on the state and federal level since 2004.

Regents Printice Gary, Brenda Pejovich, Robert Stillwell, Wallace Hall, Alex Cranberg and James Dannenbaum also donated thousands of dollars to Texans for Rick Perry before their appointments.

Regent R. Steven Hicks is the only regent who has not contributed to Perry.

Harold Cook, an Austin-based Democratic consultant, said the actions of gubernatorial appointees are often challenged because of the perception they are serving the governor's interest instead of fulfilling the responsibilities of their position.

"People question if the goals the regents are pushing are Perry's goals and if they are appointed to serve them, as witnessed in part by campaign contributions," Cook said. "Sadly, there is nothing unique about the governor appointing big contributors to important positions."

Regents have also donated significantly to political committees supporting Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and attorney general Greg Abbott, both Republicans, who have received \$295,000 and \$208,306,

respectively, since 2004.

A UT System spokesperson was unavailable for comment, and a spokesperson for Perry did not return a request for comment.

The UT System's rules and regulations state the board of regents is the only channel through which recommendations concerning administration of the System or any institutions should reach the Legislature, state agencies or state officials.

The System does not have a policy against political contributions, but a rule on political activities states staff is only allowed to participate in political activities that do not involve the UT System in partisan politics.

Most of the UT regents' political donations went to political action committees, including PACs supporting members of the Texas Senate, the Texas House of Representatives, the U.S. Congress and presidential races.

Regents have also contributed to national, state and local Republican party committees, including the National Republican Senatorial Committee, the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican Party of Texas.

Cranberg contributed to various politicians and committees in Colorado where offices of Aspect Holdings, LLC, which he chairs, are located. Beneficiaries include the Colorado Republican Committee and a PAC supporting former UT System special adviser Rick O'Donnell.

UT System chancellor Francisco Cigarroa has donated \$2,350 since 2004, but he made all but one of his contributions before he was hired as chancellor in 2009.

Most regents have continued to donate to the same beneficiaries after being appointed to the board of regents, but Hicks did not donate to the Friends of the University political action committee after his appointment in 2009.

John Doner, Friends of the University PAC volunteer, said last week that the PAC's goal is to donate to legislators and other state officials who support the University and higher education in general.

"We are entirely separate from the University and make independent decisions based on our own research," Doner said.

All nine regents have contributed to political campaigns or PACs since 2004.

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University aren't from Austin, which adds to their cost of living.

"If the state's objective is to make [it so] no student from a really low-income family can afford to come to UT-Austin, dropping the TEXAS Grant down is the surest way to do it," Melecki said.

The proposal would also make eligibility requirements for the grant more strict, requiring students take at least 12 hours per semester rather than the current nine. The grant's lifespan would also be changed from the current

150 credit hours to eight regular semesters, a move Melecki said will affect University students in degree programs that take longer than five years to complete. The current 150 credit-hour limit would allow 10 semesters of 15 hours each.

Community college students would also lose eligibility for the grant program, making TEXAS Grants exclusive for university students.

If lawmakers adopt the coordinating board's proposed changes, because each grant would be smaller and fewer students would be eligible, the number of eligible students who receive TEXAS Grants would increase from 18 to 95 percent,

Raymund Paredes, Texas Commissioner of Higher Education, said.

Paredes said funding for TEXAS Grants was cut by 10 percent in the last legislative session — the first time since the grant's establishment in 1999 — and does not expect any increase in funding during the upcoming legislative session.

"We don't expect there is going to be a lot of money for TEXAS Grants because the budget environment in the legislature is still tight," he said. "That is the mindset we created the proposal with."

State Rep. Donna Howard, D-Austin, heard the coordinating board's proposal at a House Higher

Education Committee hearing last month. She said the proposal to decrease financial assistance given to students could prevent a large number of Texans from affording higher education. Instead of lowering award amounts, Howard said the legislation should focus on fully funding the TEXAS Grants program.

"I don't think it is responsible of the state to have created a program and then be unwilling to fund it," Howard said. "There might still be room here to have more of a push for increased funding rather than to create this alternative plan with the assumption that there will be no money."

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TEXAS TECH

Davis magical in victory

By Chris Hummer

LUBBOCK — Mike Davis and David Ash had a connection Saturday that was nothing short of Davis’ middle name: magic.

The pair teamed up for a 165 yards and a pair of touchdowns on only four catches, including the game-winning score in the fourth quarter, leading the Longhorns to a 31-22 victory over Texas Tech.

“He was telling me before the plays ‘Throw it to me and it’s a touchdown.’ So I threw it to him and it was a touchdown,” Ash said.

The biggest of these connections came with 9:14 remaining in the fourth quarter. The Longhorns were driving and co-offensive coordinator Bryan Harsin decided to take a shot. Ash dropped back, looked right, but then came back to his left and let the ball fly toward the left corner of the end zone. The ball looked like it would come up short, but that’s when Davis made a play. With his long strides, Davis pulled away from the Red Raiders corner and snagged the ball out of the air, inches out of the reach of the defender.

“Whenever the ball is in the air I always feel like I’m



Mike Davis celebrates after one of his career-high two touchdown catches against Texas Tech. The junior wideout caught four passes for 165 yards, also a career high, in the nine-point triumph over the favored Red Raiders as the Longhorns improved to 7-2 on the year.

going to get it,” Davis said. “I was just like ‘It’s coming, time to make a play.”

Davis’ catch was the final effort on the scoreboard for Texas, but it was special teams play that sealed the contest.

Immediately after the Davis grab, Texas Tech quarterback

Seth Doege commanded the huddle and delivered perfectly-thrown crossing routes complemented with the occasional run. With the Red Raiders at the two-yard line, the Longhorns defense buckled down.

On first down, they were able to bat away a fade in the

corner of the end zone. On second down, the defense was aided by a holding penalty that took away a touchdown. Then, Adrian Phillips delivered a huge open-field tackle on the six-yard line. On third down, Texas was able to put Doege under enough pressure to

garner a poor throw.

The miss forced a field goal attempt, which would have made it a one-score game. But it was at that moment that Carrington Byndom burst around the edge and dived

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Once a weakness, Horns’ D comes up big



Johnathan Gray, facing his father's alma mater, recorded his second straight 100-yard game in a 31-22 win over Texas Tech Saturday.

STOCK UP

Mike Davis: Davis proved to be inconsistent earlier this season with dropped passes on key plays. But he had no mistakes during the game and his two long touchdown receptions were turning points. He also had a 54-yard reception that put Texas on Tech’s two-yard line and led to Bergeron’s touchdown.

Manny Diaz: Diaz’s defense finally showed up. The young corps stopped Doege, who sits in second in the Big 12 in total offense. The Longhorns have been waiting for the defense to click and while the Red Raiders accumulated 441 yards on offense, the defense held them in the red zone.

The Achilles’ heel of the defense has been the run. But Tech was held to 112 rushing yards, the second-lowest number of yards on the ground the Longhorns have allowed this season. Sophomore linebacker Steve Edmond had eight tackles.

QUARTER BY QUARTER

First: With the help of a 26-yard run from Gray, Texas scored on its first drive with Ash’s six-yard pass to Jaxon Shipley. Tech responded with a one-yard touchdown run from Kenny Williams. But the Longhorns finished the quarter with a 14-7 lead after Joe Bergeron scored his 16th rushing touchdown of the season.

Second: The Texas defense held the Red Raiders to two field goals. On Texas’ first drive of the quarter, Ash threw a 75-yard touchdown pass to Davis. Anthony Fera hit a 42-yard field goal at the end of the half, widening the Longhorns’ lead to 24-13.

Third: The Red Raiders hit another field goal and Eric Stephens caught a 10-yard pass from Seth Doege to make the score 24-22 in favor of Texas.

Fourth: Davis caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Ash to increase the Longhorns’ lead to 31-22. The Red Raiders attempted a field goal from the Texas 23-yard line to make it a one score game but it was blocked.

WHY TEXAS WON

With the help of wide receiver Mike Davis and running back Johnathan Gray, the Texas offense accumulated 427 yards and kept the Tech defense on its heels. David Ash bounced back from being benched last week with three touchdowns.

While the offense was productive and only punted four times, the defense finally showed up to play. They held Seth Doege to one touchdown and the Red Raiders made it to the red zone five times. They scored touchdowns twice on those opportunities, but were forced to kick field goals on the other three. Carrington Byndom’s block of 23-yard field goal sealed the win for the Longhorns.

BY THE NUMBERS

5-for-6: The Red Raiders’ success rate in the red zone. But Texas held them to four field goal attempts and two touchdowns.

9: The number of penalties Texas Tech committed for a loss of 85 yards. Penalties killed the Red Raiders, including a touchdown that was called back with a holding call in the fourth quarter.

165: The number of receiving yards Davis had, a career high. His two touchdown receptions were also a career high.

WHAT’S NEXT

The Longhorns will come home and take on Iowa State. The Cyclones are 2-4 in the Big 12 with losses to Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas State and Tech. But, none of those losses were blowouts. If Texas, specifically the defense, plays like it did against Tech, the Cyclones shouldn’t be too much of a threat.

—Lauren Giudice

VOLLEYBALL

Texas ties record, wins 15th straight match

By Rachel Thompson

Facing the third-ranked team in the Big 12, Texas blocked, killed and dug its way to a close victory over Kansas State in front of an energetic and enthusiastic crowd of Longhorn supporters Friday.

The No. 16 Wildcats found themselves swept by the No. 7 Longhorns in what was Texas’s 14th consecutive win this season.

And while the victory marks a tie for the most successful start in conference play under its head coach, Jerrett Elliott was quick to credit his talented roster in face of a tough opponent.

“Kansas State is very well

coached,” Elliott said. “They are disciplined, they don’t make a whole lot of errors and they make you be good. We, again, are just staying steady with our game.”

Haley Eckerman’s serve jump-started the first set, launching five straight points for the Longhorns. Throughout the set, Eckerman added five kills, while freshman Molly McCage posted four of her own, allowing Texas to take the set, 25-18.

Set two was a constant battle between both teams with frequent ties sprinkled throughout. As the set drew closer to match point, Texas found itself down one point until Eckerman powered two

kills and Khat Bell launched a service ace, closing the set at an uncomfortably close 25-22.

After an early rally by Kansas State in the third, Texas trailed shortly behind until Webster tied up the score with two consecutive kills. After falling behind once more in the middle of the set, Texas’ streak of four points effectively ended Kansas State’s hope of winning the match. McCage topped it off with a kill at match point, completing the sweep for the Longhorns.

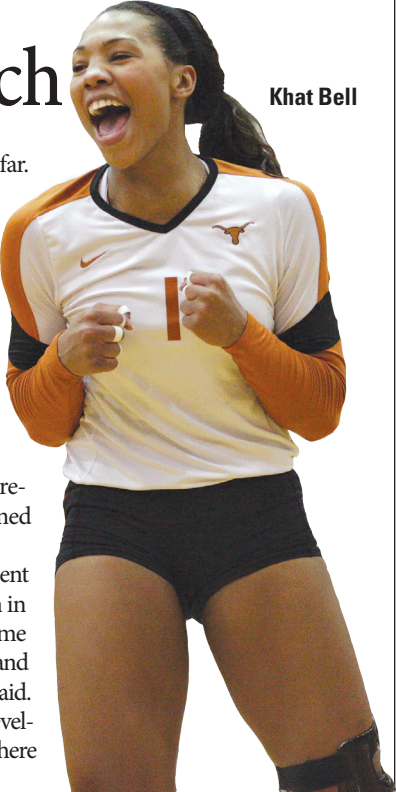
McCage’s conclusion of the third set has been one of many highlights in her first season as a Longhorn.

“It is different than anything I have experienced,” she said

of the team’s success thus far. “Just coming into a great team that has been really welcoming and getting comfortable with my teammates has been a big part of where we are at right now.”

With a 20-3 record and a top ranking in the Big 12, Elliott said the dedication of the team and its returning members has shined throughout the season.

“I think it is a great testament to the players that have been in the program, that have come here and bought into this and want to be a part of it,” he said. “We are excited about the development of our team and where we are headed right now.”



Khat Bell

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SPORTS BRIEFLY

Shimmick, Gilbert on all-tourney team

Freshman forward and Kelsey Shimmick and sophomore defender Brooke Gilbert were named to the Big 12 All-Tournament team following the Longhorns soccer’s team efforts at the conference championships this past weekend. Shimmick scored twice during Texas’ 3-0 quarterfinal win over Oklahoma last Wednesday while Gilbert had three shots, one in the Longhorns’ semifinal loss to TCU on Saturday.

—Christian Corona

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WEEKEND RECAPS

SOCCER | WES MAULSBY

For the second time this season, TCU got the best of Texas.

The Longhorns and Horned Frogs played a scoreless 90 minutes and were forced to go into over-time. The defenses continued its advantage as both overtimes were scoreless. The semifinal match would be decided on penalty kicks.

The Horned Frogs made their first three attempts while Texas missed its first

shot. The Longhorns had a chance to tie the shootout at three apace after TCU missed its fourth shot, but TCU keeper Vittoria Arnold saved Texas' third attempt. TCU made its final shot to clinch the 4-2 win in the shootout.

The win knocked the Longhorns out of the Big 12 tournament, and sealed TCU's second win over them this season.

Texas has not had much

luck against the conference newcomers this season, going 0-3 against TCU and West Virginia.

Texas was the aggressor for much of the game, topping TCU in shots and corners. The Longhorns also registered almost twice as many fouls while playing a physical game. They just could not get any of their shots on target, forcing only three saves out of the TCU keeper.

MEN'S TENNIS | NITYA DURAN

The Texas Longhorns men's tennis team wrapped up its fall season as it hosted the UT Invitational this past weekend. This marked the last team tournament that the Longhorns will participate in until the spring season.

The Longhorns began the round of 32 in the Singles A draw strong, winning seven out of eight, but were only able to advance junior David Holiner and sophomore Soren Hess-Olesen out of the round of 16. Both Holiner and Hess-Olesen were defeated by No. 6 Costin Paval and Dane Webb of Oklahoma in the quarterfinals. Andrew Korinek and Lloyd Glasspool advanced to the finals of the Voluntary A draw, but did not play against one another.

Alex Hilliard made a second-round exit in the Singles B draw after cruising through his first match (6-0, 6-1). Senior Ben Chen placed runner-up by defeating BSU's Alex Brym (6-3, 6-3) on Friday, OU's Nick Papac in the quarterfinals (6-4, 6-3), and Marquette's Cham Tehrani (7-5, 6-4) in the semifinals before being defeated by TCU's Orlando Superlano in a three-set finals match (6-4, 1-6, 6-3).

Unranked Texas doubles team Hilliard and Korinek defeated No. 4 seed Nick Chappell/Superlano of TCU and Guillermo Alcorta/Axel Alvarez Llamas of OU before losing to the top doubles team in the nation — OU's Paval/Webb — in the semi-



Soren Hess-Olesen
Sophomore

finals. Glasspool/Joey Swayland also advanced out of the round of 16 with a win over UTA's Sebastian Gomez/Sebastian Erimicioiu before being defeated in the semifinals by OU's Peerakit Siributwong/Leonard Stakhovsky. The two OU doubles teams did not play in the finals.

ROWING | SAM MARIE JACKSON

Another fall season has completed for Texas Women's Rowing. This weekend, Texas competed in the two-day regatta, Head of the Hooch in Chattanooga, Tenn. Finding itself up against competitive boats in each of the divisions, Texas claimed top finishes all weekend.

In the championship eights Saturday, Texas had two crews competing, placing two top-ten finishes against 30 other boats with a fourth place time

of 16:35.4 and taking seventh with a time of 16:41.1.

Texas also registered exciting showings in the championship fours division with two top-five finishes. Coxswain Rachel Donnelly placed her boat third in 18:18.2. Texas' first varsity four boat with coxswain Kenna Harris placed just behind in fifth in 18:26.3.

Novice had two crews place top six in the novice eights race among 50 other

crews. UT's first novice eight boat with coxswain Christine Young placed third in 17:56.9. The second novice-eight boat, featuring coxswain Lauren Deschner took sixth in 18:40.9.

Sunday's wrap up was a success for Texas with Sydney Boyes finishing fifth in the women's open single. Varsity captured sixth and eighth place finishes in the doubles race and a top-ten finish in the women's open eight.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING | EVAN BERKOWITZ

The No. 7 Longhorns trailed No. 5 Stanford 144.5 to 138.5 Saturday afternoon at the Cardinal's Avery Aquatics Center with one race left — the 400 freestyle relay. The Longhorns needed one group to win the event and another to finish second or third for them to erase the Cardinal's lead.

And Texas did just that.

Relay "A" of Gretchen Jaques, Bethany Adams, Sarah Denninghoff and Kelsey Amundsen won the race, while the "B" relay of Samantha Tucker, Alex Hooper, Shelby Webber and Kelsey LeNeave took third

gaining what proved to be the decisive points in meet.

"I think everybody played their part today," head coach Carol Capitani said. "There were people in each event who found a way to make something happen. It was just a great team effort all the way around."

It was not all good news this weekend, as Texas fell to No. 3 Cal on Friday 172-128 at Cal's Spieker Aquatic complex despite Kaitlin Pawlowicz and Maren Taylor's two victories.

The Texas divers continue fall competition Nov. 15 at the Houston Invitational while the



Gretchen Jacques
Sophomore

Texas swimmers will compete at the USA Swimming AT&T Winter National Championships (Nov. 29-Dec. 1) at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

VOLLEYBALL

McCage steps up in sweep of 'Cats

WHY TEXAS WON

They've learned to play a gritty and close game without letting strong opponent play mentally harm their focus. Sophomore Haley Eckerman said it best: "In the beginning of the season when we were down, everything was all over the place and now ... when it comes down to that crunch time, we are doing a lot better and staying focused on one point at a time."

SET BY SET

- Set 1:** The Longhorns took early command of set one, jumping to an 11-4 lead. The Wildcats brought it to within five points, but the Longhorns kept a strong lead, winning 25-18 and never trailing in set one.
- Set 2:** The Wildcats kept the match close, leading for a good portion of the set. Several controversial calls on both sides of the net increased the tensions between the teams, but a 6-2 push by Texas secured the 25-22 win.
- Set 3:** After the intermission, the score was close through the entire set. At one point, someone even tried to pass to coach Elliott, but he batted it down with a slight smile. The Wildcats led 15-13 midway through the final set, but a surge by Texas prevented any hope for extending to the match to a fourth set, winning the third set, 25-19, to seal the victory.

STOCK UP

Molly McCage: McCage exploded over the past few games. Last week she set a career high kill count with 10 against TCU and turned around and did it again with 10 kills against Kansas State. Against the Cats, she logged a .500 hitting average.

HORNS *continues from page 1*

this past weekend's game in Lubbock, where better Texas teams have played worse, David Ash threw for an efficient 264 yards and led the Longhorns into the end zone on their first three drives. He capped the third score off with a beautifully placed 75-yard bomb to his favorite target, Mike Davis.

Davis, as his nickname would suggest, was magical Saturday. He made four catches for 165 yards and two touchdowns, both career-highs, and is averaging a whopping 25.5 yards per catch on the 15 grabs he's made in the last three games.

"Mike makes the big catch at Oklahoma State. He makes the big catch at Kansas last week, and he makes the big catch today," Brown

said. "I'm really proud of David today. He came back and played a really good football game. No turnovers on offense, again."

As great as Ash, whose status as the team's starting quarterback was in question entering last week, and Davis were, it was Texas' defense that allowed it to top Texas Tech. And it's going to be Texas' defense that determines how the rest of this season goes.

If the Longhorns are as hard to score in their last three regular season games as they were this past Saturday, they'll finish the season with nine wins and a chance for a 10th in a bowl game.

Considering where they were just a couple weeks ago — left for dead, with some

BY THE NUMBERS

- 9:** Straight seasons which Texas has hit 20 wins during the regular season.
- 14:** Straight wins by Texas including a 12-0 conference start which ties head coach Jerritt Elliott's best conference start at Texas.
- 2,379:** career assists for Hannah Allison, good for ninth place in Texas history. Allison had 46 assists against Kansas State.

WHAT'S NEXT

Texas will get a full week of rest before it travels to Lawrence to take on No. 2 Kansas, which is ranked second in the conference. Texas will also be looking to break the record for best conference start under Elliott and hit 13-0 in conference play. With a win, Texas will further its claim for the Big 12 crown. The No. 7 Longhorns face off against Kansas at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

—Sara Beth Purvis

BYNDOM *continues from page 6*

with outstretched fingers, right in front of the descending leg of the kicker.

Both connected, and the ball sputtered through the back of the end zone for a block.

"It was a game saver," head coach Mack Brown said. "It really put the game out of reach, if we could make a couple of first downs at the end."

That's exactly what Texas did. The Longhorns wasted away the final five minutes with freshman Johnathan Gray, who was unstoppable on the final drive, gashing the Red Raiders defense

between the tackles.

It capped off a huge day for Gray as he ran for 106 yards and had another 41 receiving yards — a spectacular all-around performance for a young back who was playing in his dad's shadow. Gray's father, James, is the second all-time leading rusher at Tech.

"He's fast, he's tough and he's a real competitor," Brown said. "He's so mature for a freshman. I'm sure the whole family is proud of him today."

Davis' catch was the game winner, Byndom's block was the momentum swinger and

Gray's performance sealed it. But it was the play of the defense that kept the game in reach.

The defense displayed bend-but-not-break attitude at its finest. The Red Raiders were in Texas territory all day, but the Longhorns held the nations' 12th highest scoring offense to only two touchdowns and a 4-of-11 mark on third downs.

"We just never gave up. We knew we just needed to stop them and hold them to field goals," safety Kenny Vaccaro said. "We were going to win."

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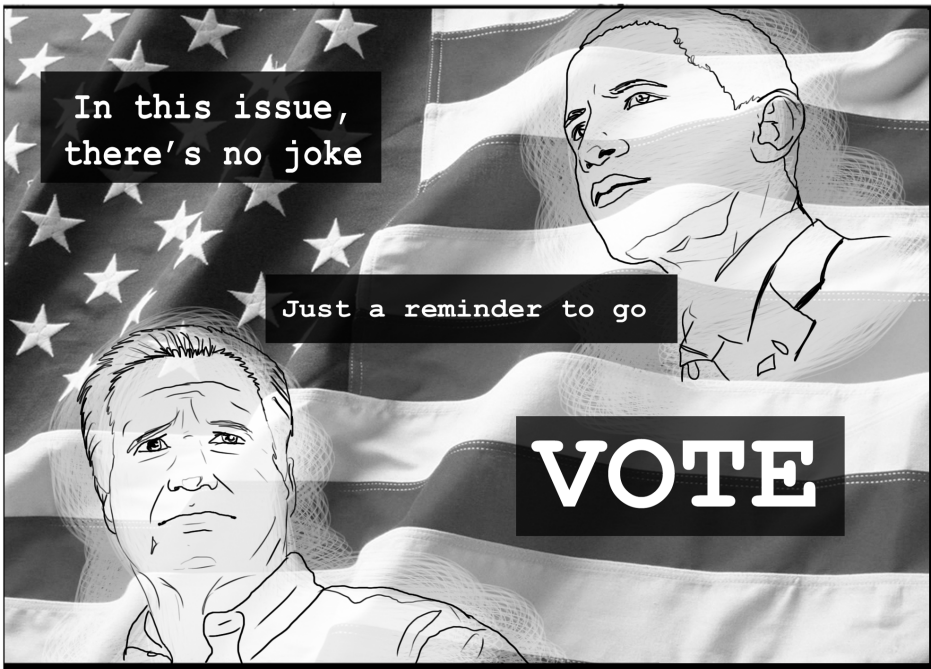
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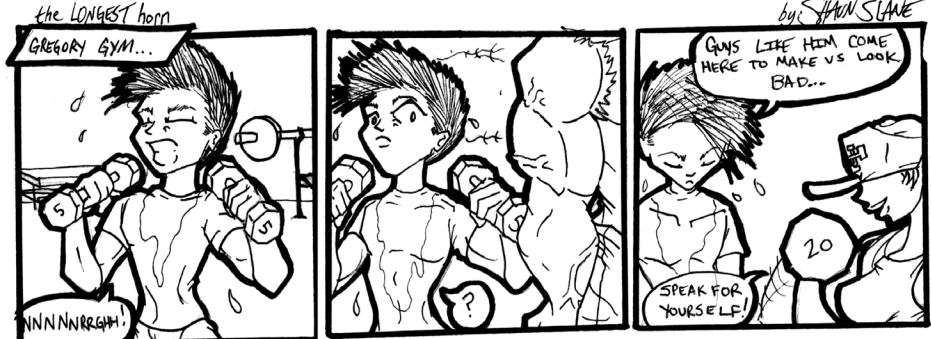
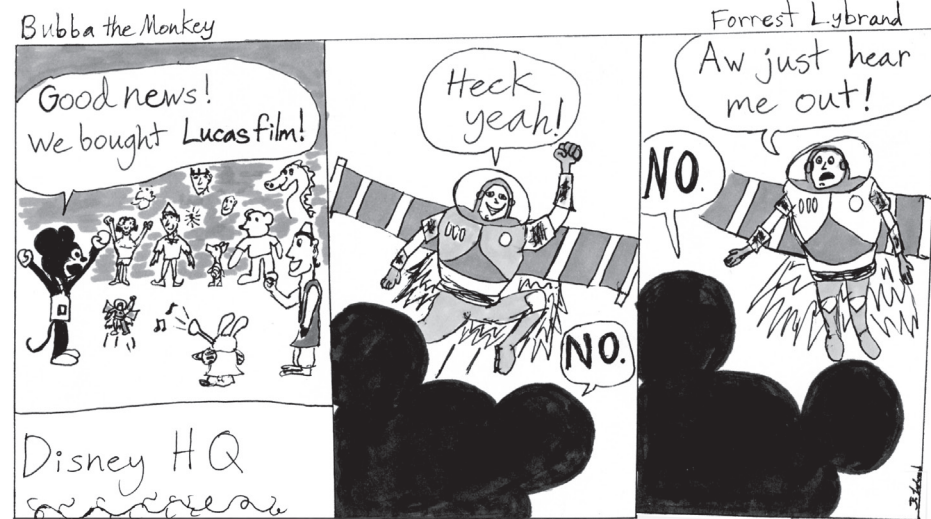
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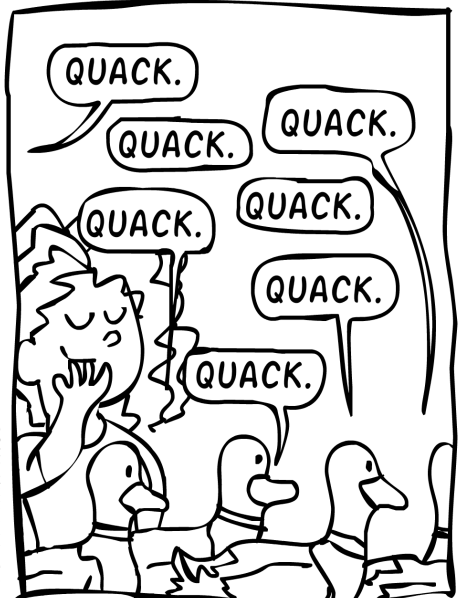


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By Shane Arthur Miller & Hannah Smothers

An army of bandana-covered fans marched through dust-covered Auditorium Shores for the offbeat Fun Fun Fun Fest to see the 150 artists that performed over the three-day period. Headliners included Run DMC, who reunited solely for the festival, Public Image Ltd., fronted by ex-Sex Pistol Johnny Rotten, and Scandinavian punk bands Turbonegro from Norway and recently reunited Refused from Sweden. Running from noon to 10 p.m. each night, artists played four stages — Black, Blue, Orange and Yellow — separated by genre (metal, rap/techno, rock and comedy, respectively.) Each stage was broken into two separate stages to streamline artist traffic, minimizing breaks between music to merely five minutes.

FRIDAY: Run-DMC

The two legendary MCs reunited under the Run-DMC moniker for the first time in 10 years to close out the orange stage Friday night. Performing classic such as “It’s Tricky” and “King of Rock,” the hip-hop duo displayed the fast-paced, in-your-face style of rapping that they pioneered almost 30 years ago. It was an emotional comeback, with a moment of silence held for DJ Jam Master Jay, whose murder prompted the group to disband. However, in a consoling manner, two of his sons, Jason “Jam Master J’son” Mizell Jr. and T.J “Dasmatic” Mizell performed in his place.

Converge

The Massachusetts hardcore metal band began their set with “Concubine,” the lead track on 2001’s *Jane Doe* to the delight of crowd-surfing fans. The barrier between the stage and audience became indistinguishable as security fought a constant battle to keep audience members from climbing over. The mathematic polyrhythms drove the crowd into a frenzied circle pit, kicking up an impressive amount of dust

into the air. After playing songs from their latest release, *All We Love We Leave Behind*, the band ended with “The Broken Vow,” with vocalist Jacob Bannon throwing himself into the crowd.

Santigold

The reggae new wave singer appeared on the Orange Stage with an expertly coordinated backing band that engaged in unified dances while wearing matching costumes. Performing old hits like “L.E.S. Artistes,” from her debut album *Santigold*, she also focused on newer material from *Master Of My Make-Believe*, released earlier this year. The easily relatable lyrics sung in Santigold’s nasally treble voice over new wave music caused a dance party in front of the stage.

SATURDAY: Refused

The only other time Refused has played in Texas was in 1996, right before they broke up in 1998. The 14-year interlude proved worth the wait. Their five minute synthesized soundscape intro had the anxious crowd uttering visceral screams and starting multiple slow claps in hopes of generating enough momentum to bring the band on stage. Refused wasted no time, diving headfirst into the anthemic “The Shape of Punk to Come.” Vocalist Dennis Lyxzén’s expertly timed jumps and flamboyant performance likened him to Mick Jagger.

David Cross

The audience at the Yellow Stage was spilling out past the edge of the tent as fans packed in to see headliner David Cross. Remembered for classic roles such as actor Dr. Tobias Fünke on Fox’s “Arrested Development,” Cross’ 35 minute comedy routine opened with a timely mention of his experience with Superstorm Sandy. “I actually saw pictures of my car floating away on Tumblr,” Cross said. “I’m rich though, so I can buy a new one.” Cross also touched on a variety of subjects, such as getting a couple’s colonic with his wife, toeing the line between funny and inappropriate the entire time.

The Head and The Heart

Seattle based folk-pop band The Head and the Heart finished the tour for their first and very successful album on the Orange Stage. The band gave an incredible, energetic performance, moving around from microphone to microphone. At one point, drummer Tyler Williams emerged from behind his drum kit and took a lively sprint around the stage. The band closed with hit-song “Rivers and Roads” in which violinist Charity Rose Thielen gave a soul-filled vocal solo, before leaving the stage nearing tears. The Head and the Heart’s emotional performance was a definite festival highlight.

SUNDAY: La Dispute

The post-hardcore band from Grand Rapids, Michigan performed a high-energy 40-minute set at the Black Stage. Beginning with two songs off their 2008 release, *Somewhere At the Bottom of the River Between Vega and Altair*, the band shifted gears and played six songs from *Wildlife*, released last year. La Dispute’s style was evident in their performance of “A Letter,” a slower song with spoken-word vocals influenced by author Vladimir Nabokov. Vocalist Jordan Dreyer never stood still, constantly running in circles or jogging in place. During the closing song, “King Park,” fans disregarded security and jumped over the barrier, trying to get on stage before they were forcibly pulled down.

Givers

Singer Tiffany Lamson fronted the relatively new indie pop band behind a miniature drum set, adding additional percussion when she wasn’t playing ukulele. Reminiscent of Norah Jones, her powerful vocals maintained a vague feeling of solidarity over the band’s somewhat chaotic and noisy soundscapes. The pinnacle of their performance was their single “Meantime,” showcasing a taste for interesting rhythms, playing on the upbeat and shimmering keyboard lines.



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By Sarah-Grace Sweeney

Yacov Sharir has studied interactive systems, virtual realities, wearable computers and computer animation. But beyond that he is a dance professor.

The technology Sharir has researched is similar to dance video game technology, but instead of following along to embarrassing, cheesy choreography, he uses that technology to create 3-D environments or a group of cyborg dancers to interact with human dancers. In 2005 he worked with Barbara Layne, a professor at Concordia University, on wearable computers that have the ability to transform the motion of a performer into projected images and colors, adding another dimension to the performance. “Definitely there is a great advancement in the pursuit

of technological intervention in performance situations,” Sharir said. “You use technology in order to intervene and augment the magic of performance to another level. It doesn’t look exactly like video games because you are in it as opposed to observing it.”

It was during the 1980s that Sharir began delving into the interdisciplinary world of dance and technology. He acknowledged that not many dancers were interested in the same thing until the 2000s.

“Not until too long ago there was a lot of hype about it,” Sharir said. “It was a buzzword: multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, transdisciplinary. But very little was happening.”

The challenge, according to Sharir, was the environment that must be created between scientists and artists in order to collaborate successfully.

“When you work with engineers and programmers, you learn the language, you learn how to speak and communicate

clearly because the artistic pursuit of a work can [sound] quite esoteric to a programmer or an engineer,” Sharir said. “However, once they understand it, they can become great contributors to the pursuit of artistic ideas related to technological exploration.”

Sharir was born in Morocco, but grew up in Israel. He studied sculpture and ceramics at The Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design and continued his studies in dance at Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance. He was asked to join the Batsheva Dance Company immediately after school, through which he traveled the world and danced under Martha Graham, José Limón and Jerome Robbins, among others.

“They were all different kinds of experiences and very memorable because they were the best choreographers at their time,” Sharir said.

Sharir has been a dance professor at UT since 1979. He initially came to Austin to start the American Deaf



Yakov Sharir, modern dance professor in the Theatre and Dance department, stands among his students during a nonmajors Modern dance class. Professor Sharir is currently working on innovative ways to integrate technology and dance.

Andrea Macías Jiménez
Daily Texan Staff

Dance Company. He was exploring the possibilities of such a company in Israel and was asked by an Austin organization to come to America to implement his ideas.

He was interested in interdisciplinary teaching, which is why he started collaborating with electrical engineers and programmers.

“When he talks about it, it always sounds pretty ethereal,” Holly Williams, professor and head of the dance program, said. “But when you see how it manifests in performance, you realize this is really kind of ground breaking.”

Understanding the type of research Sharir does is not always easy, but because it results in a performance, the audience is left to decide if it is effective or not.

“I don’t think that it makes a difference to the public whether you use technology

You use technology in order to intervene and augment the magic of performance to another level.

— Yacov Sharir, modern dance professor

for them to think that you are unique. There is nothing unique about it unless it works,” Sharir said.

Audiences only care for a performance to be memorable, Sharir said. He knows some of his performances and creations have not been as memorable as others.

“I guess they didn’t see what I saw in it,” Sharir said. “Or I was not able to reach deep enough into the larger picture.”

Williams said Sharir’s students admire him because they are often unaware that such a technologically advanced performance is possible. She said it will be up to the next generation of

dancers to implement this research and make it a major part of the dance world.

“If any generation of dancers would be keen to this convergence of movement and things such as wearable computers, cyborgs and projection, it’s us,” Hallie Ward, a dance senior and student of Sharir’s said in an email. “The next step is to take these principles that Yacov has exposed us to and then explore them in our own work.”

To see more of Professor Sharir’s images, visit

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